

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3002 - SB 3074

February 16, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Inter-basin Water Transfer Act* which:

- Provides that prior to withdrawing surface water or ground water for the purpose of transferring it between basins certain entities must obtain a permit.
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation the power to issue or deny permits and the power to assess penalties.
- Provides that the Commissioner shall issue or deny permits in accordance with this act and within the rules of the Water Quality Control Board.
- Authorizes the Water Quality Control Board to adopt rules that would include defining terms, starting with the term basin, setting criteria for permit issuance and denial, and establishing procedures for permit processing.
- Authorizes the commissioner to assess civil penalties for any violation of \$100 to \$1,000 per each day of violation. In making such assessments, the commissioner shall consider all appropriate factors including without limitation, whether a violation was knowing or intentional, any actual harm to people or the environment resulting from the violation or activity, the potential harm to people or the environment posed by the violation or activity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes the number of permits issued will be small and any increase in revenues will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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